

TABLE 1. School-associated youth homicide victim and perpetrator characteristics in single- (1994–2016) and multiple-victim (1994–2018) homicide incidents — United States

Characteristics	July 1994–June 2016		July 1994–June 2018	
	Victims involved in single-victim incidents	Perpetrators involved in single-victim homicide incidents	Victims involved in multiple-victim homicide incidents*	Perpetrators involved in multiple-victim homicide incidents*
	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)
Total no. victims or perpetrators	393	562	121	47
Sex				
Male	304 (77.4)	451 (80.2)	60 (49.6)	46 (97.9)
Female	89 (22.6)	30 (5.3)	61 (50.4)	0 (–)
Unknown	0 (–)	81 (14.4)	0 (–)	1 (2.1)
Race/Ethnicity				
Non-Hispanic Black	208 (52.9)	218 (38.8)	15 (12.4)	11 (23.4)
Non-Hispanic White	92 (23.4)	68 (12.1)	84 (69.4)	22 (46.8)
Hispanic	38 (9.7)	89 (15.8)	8 (6.6)	8 (17.0)
Asian/Pacific Islander	10 (2.5)	22 (3.9)	4 (3.3)	0 (–)
AI/AN	1 (0.3)	2 (0.4)	7 (5.8)	2 (4.3)
Other	5 (1.3)	8 (1.4)	3 (2.5)	2 (4.3)
Unknown	39 (9.9)	155 (27.6)	0 (–)	2 (4.3)
Age (yrs)				
5–9	12 (3.1)	1 (0.2)	28 (23.1)	0 (–)
10–14	75 (19.1)	37 (6.6)	28 (23.1)	6 (12.8)
15–18	306 (77.9)	276 (49.1)	65 (53.7)	23 (48.9)
19–24	0 (–)	101 (18.0)	0 (–)	9 (19.1)
≥25	0 (–)	20 (3.6)	0 (–)	8 (17.0)
Unknown	0 (–)	127 (22.6)	0 (–)	1 (2.1)
Cause of death				
Firearm	247 (62.8)	360 (64.1)	115 (95.0)	43 (91.5)
Stabbing	93 (23.7)	125 (22.2)	2 (1.7)	2 (4.3)
Blunt force	32 (8.1)	46 (8.2)	4 (3.3)	2 (4.3)
Asphyxiation	12 (3.1)	14 (2.5)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Other	8 (2.0)	16 (2.8)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Unknown	1 (0.3)	1 (0.2)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Location of Incident				
On way to/from campus or school-sponsored event	200 (50.9)	304 (54.1)	10 (8.3)	7 (14.9)
On campus	186 (47.3)	246 (43.8)	111 (91.7)	40 (85.1)
At school-sponsored event	7 (1.8)	12 (2.1)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Location of Off-campus Incident				
Sidewalk/path	91 (45.5)	147 (26.2)	5 (4.1)	3 (6.4)
Street	26 (13.0)	36 (6.4)	2 (1.7)	2 (4.3)
Parking lot	16 (8.0)	26 (4.6)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Bus stop	21 (10.5)	24 (4.3)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Motor vehicle	11 (5.5)	23 (4.1)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Athletic event/field	6 (3.0)	10 (1.8)	0 (–)	0 (–)
On bus (school or public bus)	5 (2.5)	8 (1.4)	1 (0.8)	1 (2.1)
Playground/park	3 (1.5)	5 (0.9)	0 (–)	0 (–)
Other	21 (10.5)	25 (4.4)	2 (1.7)	1 (2.1)
Location of On-campus Incident				
Parking lot	36 (19.4)	53 (9.4)	3 (2.5)	3 (6.4)
Campus lawn	25 (13.4)	37 (6.6)	5 (4.1)	2 (4.3)
Hallway	21 (11.3)	30 (5.3)	24 (19.8)	6 (12.8)
Athletic field/court/gymnasium	21 (11.3)	29 (5.2)	2 (1.7)	2 (4.3)
Sidewalk	16 (8.6)	19 (3.4)	1 (0.8)	0 (–)
School entrance	15 (8.1)	19 (3.4)	3 (2.5)	1 (2.1)
Bathroom	11 (5.9)	16 (2.8)	2 (1.7)	1 (2.1)
Playground	9 (4.8)	11 (2.0)	2 (1.7)	1 (2.1)
Cafeteria	7 (3.8)	7 (1.2)	10 (8.3)	4 (8.5)

Classroom/library	7 (3.8)	7 (1.2)	51 (42.1)	10 (21.3)
Behind school building	3 (1.6)	4 (0.7)	3 (2.5)	7 (14.9)
Bus stop	3 (1.6)	3 (0.5)	0 (-)	0 (-)
Other	12 (6.5)	11 (2.0)	5 (4.1)	3 (6.4)
School Affiliation†				
Student	361 (91.9)	250 (44.5)	112 (92.6)	18 (38.3)
No affiliation/Community resident	22 (5.6)	211 (37.5)	6 (5.0)	15 (31.9)
Student at another school	0 (-)	35 (6.2)	2 (1.7)	2 (4.3)
Former student	2 (0.5)	12 (2.1)	0 (-)	5 (10.6)
Student's parent/guardian	0 (-)	5 (0.9)	0 (-)	2 (4.3)
Other relative of student	0 (-)	3 (0.5)	0 (-)	1 (2.1)
Faculty/staff	0 (-)	1 (0.2)	0 (-)	0 (-)
Other	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)	1 (2.1)
Unknown	8 (2.0)	45 (8.0)	1 (0.8)	3 (6.4)
Homicide-suicide	10 (2.5)	10 (1.8)	51 (42.1)	10 (21.3)
Victim-Perpetrator Relationship†				
Strangers	155 (27.6)		17 (36.2)	
Rival gang member	134 (23.8)		1 (2.1)	
Schoolmate/Fellow student	119 (21.2)		17 (36.2)	
Residents of same community	47 (8.4)		3 (6.4)	
Friend/acquaintance	23 (4.1)		1 (2.1)	
Dating partner	18 (3.2)		4 (8.5)	
Relative	5 (0.9)		2 (4.3)	
Faculty/staff	1 (0.2)		0 (-)	
Unknown	60 (10.7)		2 (4.3)	
Motive§,¶				
Gang-related activity	238 (58.2)		14 (29.8)	
Interpersonal dispute	180 (44.0)		12 (25.5)	
Brawl/street fight	98 (24.0)		4 (8.5)	
Retaliation	84 (20.5)		16 (34.0)	
Dating partner problem/Lover's triangle	39 (9.5)		8 (17.0)	
Sexual violence	20 (4.9)		8 (17.0)	
Robbery	32 (7.8)		9 (19.1)	
General characteristics¶,>**				
Member of a gang	237 (56.3)		16 (34.0)	
History of arrest	164 (39.0)		18 (38.3)	
Regularly used alcohol/drugs	72 (17.1)		7 (14.9)	
Intoxicated at time of incident	37 (8.8)		8 (17.0)	
Mental health condition	20 (4.8)		9 (19.1)	
Diagnosed	12 (2.9)		7 (14.9)	
Suspected	8 (1.9)		6 (12.8)	

* Among 38 incidents.

†School affiliation and victim-perpetrator relationship categories are mutually exclusive.

§ Information on motive was available for a total of 409 (72.8%) of single-victim and 41 (87.2%) multiple-victim homicide perpetrators.

¶ Motives and general characteristics are not mutually exclusive.

** General characteristics data were available for a total of 421 (74.9%) of single-victim and 42 (89.4%) multiple-victim homicide perpetrators.